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Office of American Anti-Slavery Society,  
New-York, Mar. 20/40.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 16 instant communicating the request of the Board of Managers of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society, that the time of holding the next Anniversary may be altered from May 12. (the time in course) to May 5. was duly received. Last evening, it was laid before the Executive Committee, who, on due consideration decided that it was inexpedient to make the alteration requested.

An alteration of the kind ~~suggested~~ was considered several weeks ago by the Executive Committee, - and the reasons for it (substantially, those contained in the vote of the Board of Managers) influenced them to adopt it. But on further consideration, they were led to believe, that the reasons for the change proposed, tho' good in themselves, were not sufficient to call for it. It was supposed that our friends - especially those at a distance - had made their calculations

for attending at the time fixed in the Constitution,  
and that a change of the time would em-  
barass many, and probably prevent their  
being present.

Besides - to change the time now, after  
the Notice has been published for the 12. May,  
would tend to increase the embarrassment - &  
would, in all probability, be strongly objected to  
by many, who would think the reason for it in-  
adequate.

It would doubtless, be an agreeable  
thing to those who purpose attending the  
General Anti-Slavery Conference in London,  
to have the opportunity, also, of attending our  
Annual Meeting. But it is not considered by  
the Executive Committee a matter of prime  
importance - inasmuch as the proceedings of our  
Society will be made known by the earliest oppor-  
tunity to the delegates in London.

It is made known to us here, also, that it is  
desired by our London friends, that the delegates

~~I part~~ <sup>A</sup> ~~part~~ of them at least, should be in London, two weeks previous to the time set for the opening of the Conference. Those who purpose going out, so as to be on the ground two weeks before the 12 June - the time set - could not safely delay sailing beyond the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Hastening that the above reasons, besides others which will suggest themselves to the Board of Managers, may be considered sufficient for not making the alteration proposed,

I remain, Sir, yours  
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